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ARF People Tom Hart

Grew up in a small farming community in northeastern Indiana. Was active in 4-H, winning several major awards. Graduated from Ball State Teachers College in 1960. Earned my Masters Degree in Education Administration, with a minor in Audio-Visual Management; earned my Masters Degree in Library Science; and earned my PhD in Library Science from Case-Western Reserve University, in Cleveland. Served as an Assistant Professor at Purdue University in the mid-1960's; helped establish a new Masters Degree Program in Library Science at Ball State University in the late 1960's; and became an Assistant Professor at Florida State University in 1971. I was promoted to Full Professor in 1981.

First tried watercolors when I was a visiting Professor of Information Technology in Singapore, 2000-2001. My family was with me during the Fall Semester and we all returned to the US for Christmas. Our son began studies at TCC and my Wife stayed in Tallahassee with him. I returned by myself to Singapore and became bored. I bought a shower curtain to place on the dining room table and some children's watercolors and brushes. Following are my first Watercolors painted on paper plates:



My very first watercolor

I eventually bought real watercolor paper and painted several watercolors for colleagues and eventually developed a brochure of my Singapore Watercolors.



Retired from FSU in 2005 and began painting at the Senior Center on Tuesday mornings. I painted with Dr. Mary Alice Hunt and Dr. Adeline Wilkes. A few years ago Raymond James on Thomasville Road provided space to store my paintings and they have been featured over the years in their First Friday Art Shows.

A few months ago I was contacted by Betty Sittig, from Westminister, to have an Art Show at Westminister from October through December, 2018. The following paintings are a selection from that Show:



